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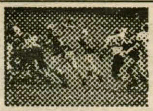
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No room on campus for first-years Says Res Life, 'We had to get creative'

by Joe Livingston '02
NEWS WRITER

Seniors were called in August and offered off-campus status. The last freshman housing was determined on Aug. 15. At 502 members, the Class of 2003 is one of Hamilton's most competitive and also one of the largest.

Area Coordinator Bryan McGrath admitted frankly, "We went against everything we stand for."

Nancy Perkins, director of residential life, agreed, saying, "It compromised a lot of the residential life philosophy."

The incoming freshmen and 19 transfers exceeded the normal limitations that the office of Residential Life usually sends to admissions the February before the incoming students arrive. McGrath and Perkins explained that all steps were taken to make adequate space for the new students, preserve the philosophy of residential life, and ease the concerns of students and parents. Measures will be used to prevent the situation from happening again.

Last February, the office of Residential Life looked at housing space for the 1999-2000 school year and concluded that it had space for a maximum of 470 first-years and 20 transfers using all normal available space. When Admissions did its final tally and realized that space for an additional 30 students was needed, various rooms on campus had to be converted into housing for first-years.

"We squeezed 'em in. We had to be creative," Perkins said.

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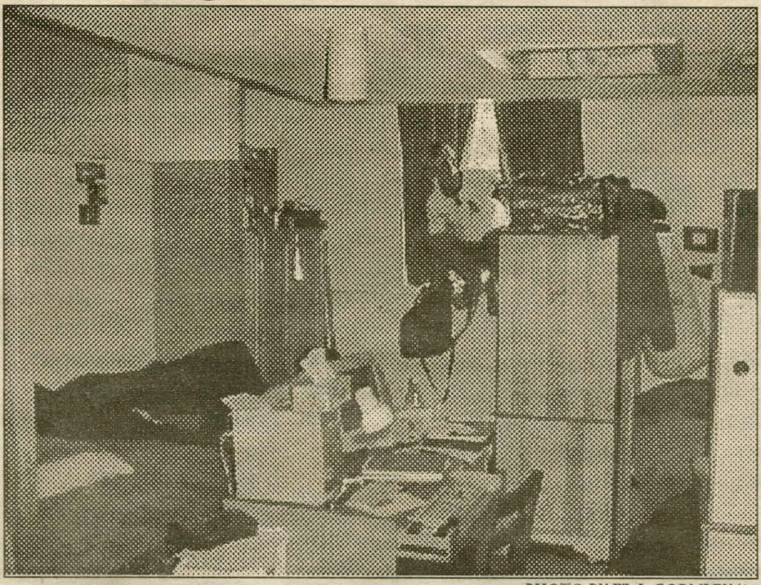

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A first-year living in the Dunham basement lounge demonstrates how he enters and exits his room every day; through the window. Desks are across the doorway, he says, because there just isn't enough room.

Race poll receives national attention

by Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS WRITER

Approximately one-half of recently polled 18- to 29-year-olds said that segregation of races is acceptable, as long as equal opportunity exists for everyone.

This finding is the product of a survey on attitudes toward race, which students in Professor Philip Klinkner's "Race and American Democracy" class developed last semester.

The survey attracted national attention after being released at an Aug. 16 press conference in Washington, D.C. at the National Press Club. The conference received phenomenal press coverage, according to Director of Media Relations Sharon Rippey, as it was broadcast live on C-SPAN and covered by

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Former AD house to be living space next year

by Lindy Roath '02
NEWS WRITER

October will bring yet another construction project, as Hamilton converts the recently acquired Alpha Delta Phi fraternity house, adjacent to Minor Theater, into a residence hall.

At a cost of an estimated $4 million, the conversion will expand the house into a 29,600 square foot residence that will house 60 students in single and double units.

The Residential Life Plan, devised in 1995, moved all students out of specialized housing, specifically fraternity houses, and into campus housing. This movement, combined with continual increases in matriculation, has created a housing shortage.

The purpose of converting the AD house is to alleviate some of that problem and bring the 50 to 100 seniors who live in the village each year back onto campus.

Housing all students on campus was the original intent of the 'Res. Life' plan, but the AD renovation elicits mixed responses from students, who often look forward to the opportunity to move off-campus for their senior year.

"It sucks. People should be allowed to live off-campus," said Seth Sharp '02.

While the transformation of the AD house will present a new and appealing locale, it will not offer the independence of living off-campus.

Physical Plant director Steve Bellona presented the plans for the construction to the Kirkland Planning Board. The plans include expanding both the side of the building where the porch is and the rear, while still maintaining the Colonial style of the original house.

"A side patio and plenty of windows in the rear will preserve the view of the Oriskany Valley," Bellona said in an interview with the *Clinton Courier*.

The fall meeting of the board of trustees, September 24-25, will focus on reviewing bids and awarding contracts so that construction can begin in October. Construction should be complete by August 2000, and the residence hall should be ready for the fall of the 2000-01

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FILE PHOTO

The Alpha Delta Phi house, located on Campus Rd. next to the Minor Theater.

New year welcomed

by Cristen Sargent '01
NEWS EDITOR

Those who attended Hamilton's convocation ceremonies Sunday night got a little taste of the past, a frank look at the present, and a plea for constructive communication for the future.

"...I believe that this institution is at the edge of a new level of greatness," said Thomas Schwarz, acting president. "We can achieve more."

The highlight of the evening, Schwarz's direct speech brought the crowd to laughter by using phrases like 'nattering nabob of negativism' and making reference to the film "Cool Hand Luke."

After an invocation by College Chaplain Jeff McArn, Dean of the Faculty Bobby Fong addressed the 600 gathered in Wellin Hall about

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Rankings revealed:

Hamilton's selectivity improves, but still hinders college

by Riley Fenner '00
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

US News & World Report disclosed its annual report on "America's Best Colleges" on Aug. 30, and Hamilton had risen to the rank of 18 among the top 40 'National Liberal Arts Colleges' in the nation.

This is the highest ranking that Hamilton has achieved in the annual report since its first publication. The most noticeable improvement among the many categories that are factored into the ranking was in the area of admissions selectivity. However, the largest factor contributing to Hamilton's climb was a drop in the overall scores of schools such as Colgate University, Bates College, and Colby College; all schools that have competed more strongly with Hamilton in the past. Hamilton tied for 18th place in the rankings with Colgate, Colby, and Bryn Mawr College, after tying with Colgate for 21st place in last year's tally.

Selectivity remains a noticeable weakness for Hamilton College. Only one school that ranked, overall, equal or higher than Hamilton had a worse selectivity rating. The selectivity ranking of

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Orientation a hit

Upperclass staff eases new class into life on the Hill with games, activities

by Maurice Michaane '03
NEWS WRITER

As the incoming first-years arrived for college orientation, anxiety filled the air. The scenes in the dorm rooms were chaotic when all of the roommates moved in at once.

But as time passed, the confusion on the grassy knoll sprinkled with freshman died down. Driving up the long paved road to the Hamilton campus, it was hard for the new students and their families not to notice all the smiling and helpful faces of the orientation leaders, resident advisors, and supporting staff, according to Justin Tavano, an incoming freshman. He was delighted to see the compassionate face of his RA when it came time to unload the baggage from his car.

"Amanda was one of the first faces I saw as I pulled up to my dorm," he said. "My parents and I were happy when she offered to help us unload my stuff, especially since my room was on

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First-years crammed

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Some of the places chosen include the study lounges in Minor, Major, and MacIntosh, which are now doubles, the Dunham basement and kitchen, which has been divided into two quads, and the Carnegie study lounge, which houses transfers.

First-years have also been placed in three doubles in the Keehn Co-Op and two have even been placed in a South six-pull with four upperclassmen.

The situation also means that room changes will be harder. However, Perkins maintains that it is the policy of the residential life staff not to offer room changes anyway except as a last measure. The housing situation means that a high number of transfers and a low number of study-abroad students in the coming spring semester could spell disaster.

As for the first-years actually living in these new spaces, Chris Bower, a resident of Keehn, said that while not ideal for a freshman, "It's been a decent place to live."

He sighted the work of Resident Advisors Desire Lolly and Chris Schuster as the main reason that he has adjusted well, and described them as "great welcomers to the community."

Another first-year resident of Keehn, who asked not to be named, was not as optimistic, reflecting that while although everyone in the co-op is nice, he would have much preferred to be living in a dorm with more freshmen. He explained that in some ways he felt robbed, though he also noted the work of the RA's in helping with the adjustment.

Lori He, a freshman housed in one of the study lounges, reacted positively to the change. "I don't really mind. My roommate loves it."

She was concerned with some of the logistics, such as not having a fully operational phone service and the heat level of the room, but basically is content with the situation.

The residential life staff says that they have had very few complaints from first-years. They feel that they have done the absolute best job they could have done with the resources they were given.

"We haven't had a lot of fallout," she said. "This may be a good indicator of the maturity of the freshman class."

The Admissions office accepts students based on projections, so the situation was really one that no one could have anticipated.

Both McGrath and Perkins showed genuine concern that all of the incoming freshman be content and happy with their current living situations now and in the future.

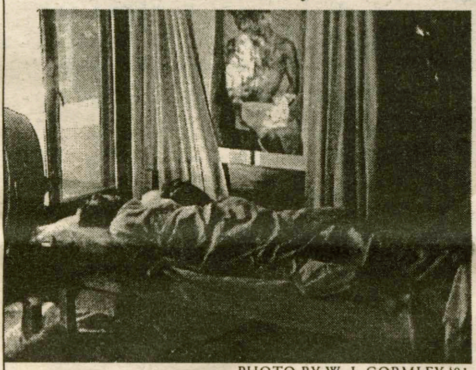

PHOTO BY W. J. GORMLEY '01

Right above the dorm's boiler room, these two first-years sleep with their beds pushed up to the window.

Schwarz addresses conspiracy theorists: you have no place here

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the need for morality and goodness in academia.

"It is insufficient for the academy to look at the good, the whole, the beautiful without instilling it," he said. "Wisdom is more than knowledge, it is a matter of character. We must approach learning with a sense of humility and urgency, that what we know is good, is also what we live."

Nancy Thompson, acting dean of the faculty, also addressed the crowd and presented student prizes and awards.

Schwarz, next to the platform, pressed for the need for effective, correct information sharing and discussion between all facets of the Hamilton community – trustees, administration, alumni, faculty and students. He did so with examples of when some did the exact opposite; a letter to the editor in a 3/5/99 issue of the *Spectator* from a student, which accused him of draconian policy-making without asking Schwarz first. Also, faculty members who say the board is returning to the past without any discussion, and board members who think the faculty doesn't work hard enough, but don't speak to the faculty about it.

"What I find most troublesome is that, like a family that invests its emotional baggage in every disagreement, we in the Hamilton family do so also," he said. "So the irony is this: what we are all trained to do — ask questions, do research, test conclusions — gets put aside because of the absence of an understanding of the facts, which then allows the conspiracy theorists to take over."

"I thought his speech was good until he started bashing the *Spectator*," said Mark, a first-year student who attended convocation. "It didn't seem fair."

There was some general confusion as to what role the *Spectator* editorial board had in the contents of the student's Mar. 5 letter, but the acting president graciously agreed to clarify his statements.

See Thomas Schwarz's letter to the editor regarding convocation on page 6.

Schwarz also summarized his history with the college – his years as a student during the 1960s, his twelve years serving on the board of trustees, and his role as a parent of a recent graduate. He thanked Professors Blackwood, Wertimer and J. Williams, who taught him.

As far as the College's future is concerned, he said, we must eliminate infighting and conspiring in order to be placed in the 'left-hand column' of college rankings – among the top few schools. Specifically, these two detriments must be eliminated in order to best reallocate financial resources and to reform the curriculum.

"I very much appreciated President Schwarz's comments on two things that I have felt strongly about myself: his and the board's vision for Hamilton to become one of the very top or 'left-hand column' colleges, and his railing against 'conspiracy theorists' who corrupt discussion of Hamilton affairs," said Patrick Reynolds, professor of biology and last year's chair of the faculty committee on academic policy.

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Alumnus, parent, trustee, and now acting president, Thomas Schwarz speaks Sunday of the need for better communication.

"All who comprise the College have an obligation to ourselves to continually develop our academic reputation to the strongest level possible, and to realize that to be content with where we are is the first nod to mediocrity," he said.

Associate Dean of Students and Professor of Classics Barbara Gold echoed Reynold's remarks, and added that Schwarz's ideas about community-based decision making are Greek rooted, ones that are familiar and appealing to her.

Schwarz sternly concluded: "Do not attempt to read between the lines of what I just said. If you did not understand me, then I did not communicate clearly, but there was no hidden meaning, no subtleties."

Summer recap: events & people in the area

STAFF COMPILATIONS

When classes end in May and 1600 students leave en masse from the Hill, it's easy to think that all the interesting stuff comes to a dead stop. But with hundreds of grade schoolers, construction workers, and even one international political figure making their way through Clinton one could've hardly called this summer at Hamilton quiet.

The last weeks of May brought seniors partying their way to graduation, which featured keynote speaker **Henry Louis Gates**. Director of the W.E.B. DuBois Institute for Afro-American Research at Harvard University, Gates was named to Time Magazine's list of "25 most influential Americans" list in 1997.

June brought an onslaught of campus constuction, as dust flew and fences grew up around the site of the future social space behind the Little Pub. The space, double the size of Bundy Dining Hall and featuring state-of-the-art audio equipment, is expected to be operational by the beginning of spring semester. Visitors and local residents were also burdened with more construction noise as the final phase of the College Hill Road project stretched on till mid-August. The end of middle- and high schools in June brought hundreds of athletes and talented students here, as Hamilton hosted several camps. The Center for Talented Youth, a program for gifted students sponsored by Johns Hopkins University, called Hamilton home for six weeks. Spectator Editor-in Chief **Riley Fenner '00** tended to the bright ones, along with other counselors from across the country. There were also swimming, basketball, soccer and all-sports camps.

July brought a visit from First Lady **Hillary Clinton**, who breezed through the area July 9 during one of her much talked-about listening tours. Ms. Clinton, who was accompanied by a swarm of aides, secret service agents, and press people, had lunch with area figures at the Alexander Hamilton Inn. Among those present; Clinton officials, area college presidents including **Gene Tobin**, and assistant professor of women's studies **Vivyan Adair**. Adair was asked to lunch expressly by Ms. Clinton, who has shown interest in Adair's views on welfare reform. Adair is currently pulling together a conference regarding welfare scheduled for this October, and aides murmured that Ms. Clinton may be interested in attending the event. July also brought the passing of **John Michael Rybash**, professor of psychology. Rybash was a member of the Hamilton community for 9 years, beginning as a visiting professor and making his way up through the ranks until he was elected chair of the department in 1997. Those students and faculty who were lucky enough to have worked with him know that this is a great loss not only his family and our small community, but to the entire psychological community as well. July 11 brought The Boilermaker, the country's biggest 15K that winds through downtown Utica. **Sam Brown '01** and **Annie Toth '02** were among the top finishers in the 8,500 plus pack.

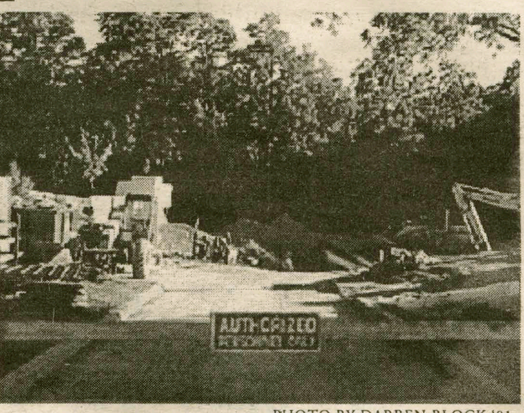

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Construction on new social space, slated for spring, began this summer

August brought more hot weather and the return of Adirondack Adventure leaders, resident advisors, orientation leaders and the Class of 2003. With over 500 members, this class presented a larger than normal challenge to these upperclassmen. All programs met with great success, however, according to Orientation Coordinator **Tim Renyi '00**, and the newest members of the Hamilton community were eased in to life on the Hill with fun, bonding activities, and adventure.

House will help with campus crunch

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school year.

"I think it will be a nice housing option for upperclassmen, but I don't think that they shouldn't allow people to live in town," said Katryna Swartwout '02.

The AD house renovations follow the recent renovations of the former TDX House, now 3950 Campus Road, as well as the DU house, now Ferguson.

The college has reached initial purchase agreements with the four fraternities that sued following the Res. Life decision.

Emerson Literary Society and Sigma Phi remain the only properties that the college has not acquired.

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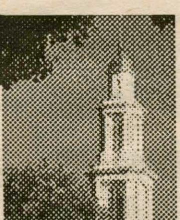

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Cristen Sargent '01

Survey: Technology No. 1 stressor for professors

By Matthew Boedy Independent Florida Alligator (U. Florida) 08/31/1999 (U-WIRE)

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The pressure of keeping up with technology has become the No. 1 stress for professors, surpassing the traditional race to research and publish, according to a new national survey of university faculty.

The survey, conducted by the University of California at Los Angeles' Higher Education Research Institute, reports two-thirds of faculty say "keeping up with information technology" has been stressful over the past two years. Among women, the technology race was the fourth most frequently cited source of stress (74 percent). Among men, it ranked fifth (64 percent). For both men and women, technology surpassed the stresses of publishing (50 percent), teaching load (62 percent) and the promotion process (46 percent).

"(The result) was higher than expected. We didn't think it would be higher than publishing," said Linda Sax, the survey's director. "(The survey) definitely addresses the challenges (professors) are facing."

The survey solicited answers by mail from more than 33,000 faculty members at 378 two- and four-year colleges and universities nationwide in the fall and winter of 1998-1999.

MIT reacts to student death from apparent overdose

By Rima Arnaout & Douglas E. Heimburger The Tech (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) 09/01/1999

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Residents and tutors of East Campus gathered Tuesday to discuss the death of Richard Guy '99, who died early in the day as the result of a drug overdose.

"It's hard but they're handling it quite well," said East Campus Housemaster Jed Z. Buchwald of EC residents.

"There's been deans on call, housemasters," and mental health professionals on hand to listen to the students' concerns, Buchwald said.

"Things have gone about as well as can be hoped for right now," Buchwald said.

A student of East Campus found Guy unconscious on the fifth floor of East Campus' east parallel Tuesday morning around 1 a.m.

Guy was pronounced dead at the scene.

Guy, a resident of Mission Viejo, Calif., was entering his junior year as a physics major.

The Cambridge Medical Examiner's office confirmed Tuesday that Guy died from asphyxiation as a result of nitrous oxide intoxication. Guy had a plastic bag over his head to inhale the nitrous.

Guy's death is being investigated by Campus Police. The death is currently presumed to be an accident.

The Associated Press reported Tuesday night that the Middlesex County district attorney's office said the case was not being treated as a homicide.

During a meeting Tuesday afternoon, housemasters and East Campus residents decided to move some of their in-house rush events to the halls of the dormitory in an effort to avoid media attention.

"The consensus was that we felt that Dick Guy would have wanted us to go on as much as we would have," said East Campus President Jennifer A. Frank '00. "We're going to tone down our events slightly and keep them within the dorm, but otherwise things will go on as planned."

Tuesday's death is not the first instance of nitrous oxide abuse involving members of the MIT community.

In March 1984, Keith T. Ennis '84 died at Tau Epsilon Phi after overdosing on nitrous oxide.

The same year, five residents of Senior House were expelled for nitrous use, and two more were arrested by Cambridge Police for nitrous use.

In 1988, Pi Lambda Phi was suspended from rushing freshman for violations including use of nitrous at a pledge party.

In 1991, two electricians working at Lincoln Lab died after using nitrous oxide in their van.

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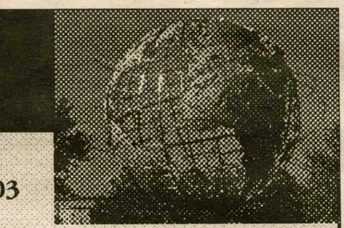

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Albright Mediates Mideast Deadlock

JERUSALEM (AP) - A negotiating deadlock Thursday forced Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to mediate details of a teetering West Bank agreement between Israel and the Palestinians rather than risk a major diplomatic setback.

The intervention appeared to be paying off as Albright flew to Jerusalem from Alexandria, Egypt, for a post-midnight meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa and a senior U.S. official both raised the possibility of a signing on Friday. A possible site is the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheik.

The U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said both sides clearly wanted an accord but he could not predict "whether we will have an agreement by tomorrow."

The main sticking point was a dispute over how many Palestinian prisoners Israel would release as a goodwill gesture to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Some are in jail for terrorist acts.

After conferring in Alexandria with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, no stranger to the mediator's role, Albright met with Arafat for more than an hour, then flew to Jerusalem to see Barak.

She left her Friday schedule clear for all contingencies.

"We hope very much they will come to a conclusion as soon as possible," she said.

Until now, Albright had held back, operating on the assumption that most successful agreements are the product of direct negotiations between the parties with minimal outside intervention.

Israel To Jail U.S. Teen for Death

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - Samuel Sheinbein was silent on the subject for two years. On Thursday, he spoke only a single word.

"Yes," the stone-faced Maryland teen-ager said when an Israeli judge asked him whether he strangled an acquaintance with a rope in a middle-class suburb of Washington, D.C., then cut up the body with an electric saw and burned the parts.

Under a plea bargain that infuriated U.S. prosecutors, Sheinbein, 19, is to be sentenced to 24 years in an Israeli prison for the 1997 killing. He will probably be paroled after 14 years, counting the two years he has already spent in Israeli custody. He could have received a much tougher sentence if he were convicted as an adult in the United States.

Sheinbein fled to Israel shortly after the killing of Alfredo Tello Jr. in September 1997 and successfully fought extradition.

The case sharply strained relations between Israel and the United States.

On Thursday, standing handcuffed between two policemen, Sheinbein stared straight ahead as the verdict was read out, ignoring the camera crews that packed the Tel Aviv District Court just as he had ignored questions shouted at him as he came in.

Ruins of Old Church Found in China

BEIJING (AP) - A 700-year-old ruin found along China's ancient Silk Road route is believed to be the site of the earliest Roman Catholic church built in Asia, state media reported Thursday.

The ruins are located in the Inner Mongolian town of Abinsm, which in Mongolian means "a place with many temples," 380 miles northwest of Beijing, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported.

It said walls 16 1/2 feet high mark the site, which is believed to have once housed a huge main hall with two rostrums up to 16 feet high. A white stone lion recently found under the ruins resembles those found in front of Catholic cathedrals in Italy, and tile shards carry designs similar to those found in Europe.

Archeologists had not determined the exact nature of the site until the stone lion was discovered during recent excavations.

Roman Catholic missionaries traveling along the Silk Road, which passes from China through Central Asia, were among the first Westerners to visit China.

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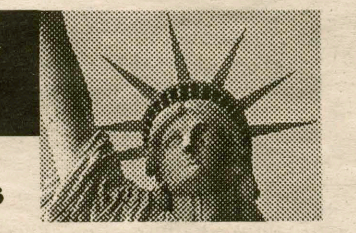

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Clintons Sign Deal for N.Y. House

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP) - President Clinton and his wife signed a contract Thursday to buy a $1.7 million house in this New York City suburb, providing her the residency she needs to run for a U.S. Senate seat next year.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the Clintons will borrow $1.3 million from Bankers Trust Co. to purchase the five-bedroom house. The loan will be guaranteed in part by Terry McAuliffe, the president's friend and one of his chief fund-raisers.

The white, three-story wood frame home in the Westchester County town of Chappaqua was built in 1889 and features a swimming pool, five bedrooms, four bathrooms and two fireplaces. The top floor contains an exercise room.

The lot, just over an acre, is screened by evergreens at the end of a cul-de-sac called Old House Lane.

At $1.7 million, the Clintons agreed to pay slightly more than the list price of $1.695 million. They will pay about $26,000 a year in property taxes on their new residence, according to tax records.

"We appreciate everyone who helped make our search for a new home an enjoyable experience," the Clintons said in a statement issued while vacationing in upstate New York. The area offers plenty of golf courses and a predominantly Democratic town council. The town of 17,000 is known for excellent schools and beautiful houses.

"This is putting us on the map," said Bonnie Pactor, who lives a few streets away.

Other would-be neighbors worried that having a former president in residence would bring out the masses, like those in the stream of cars who stopped to look at the house this week.

"It's a disaster," said Carol Thorsen, whose home is separated by a wooded area from the one the Clintons are considering. "This town is too small. This is going to destroy the intimacy of the town."

Tropical Storm Pounds N.C. Shore

NAGS HEAD, N.C. (AP) - Tropical Storm Dennis hung off North Carolina's Outer Banks for a third day Thursday and kept pounding away at the coast with 14-foot waves and 45 mph gusts, doing more damage to the beach than a single blow from a big hurricane.

"It is immensely worse as far as damage to the shoreline and beachfront retreat," said Orrin Pilkey, a Duke University coastal geologist. Although a hurricane can be deadly because it can blow down buildings, it typically "goes across the islands very quickly."

The assault on the North Carolina coast has been going on since early Monday. Dennis first battered the shoreline as a hurricane, then headed out to sea and weakened. But within a day, it was backtracking toward the Outer Banks.

The toll was evident everywhere on Hatteras Island, where wind and waves flung beach dunes onto the main highway and chewed up the asphalt. Abandoned trucks, some overturned, were half-buried in sand near the road.

Feds: Car Theft Rings Are Busted

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Two Philadelphia-based car theft rings that stretched across five states and stole thousands of cars worth $40 million have been shut down, federal authorities said Thursday.

Forty-seven people were arrested Thursday morning in Philadelphia and New Jersey, from alleged gang leaders to copy shop employees who allegedly duplicated car titles. "These auto theft rings affect the quality of life for most of us more than the high-profile sensational violent crimes," U.S. Attorney Michael Stiles said.

The two separate operations stole cars in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Delaware and Georgia. Prosecutors described a network of junkyards, body shops and thieves with a hotline that would allow orders to be placed for stolen cars and parts.

"Somebody in a chop shop says he needs a black Oldsmobile Intrigue door. ... Somewhere down the line, somebody goes and steals a black Oldsmobile Intrigue," Stiles said.

About 20 percent of the cars were stolen at the request of their owners for insurance scams, prosecutors said. The thieves would keep the cars, and the owners would collect insurance money.

Open mic highlight of Orientation Week festivities

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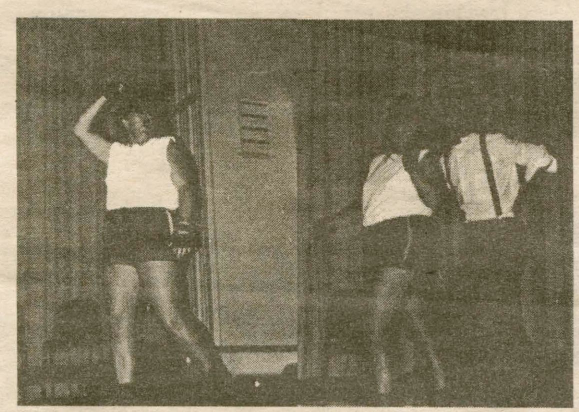
the second floor."

After all the unloading and waving goodbyes to parents, the Class of 2003 convened at the Schambach Center to divide into orientation groups.



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Director of Student Activities Bev Low and Class of 2001 President Steve Guditis entertain the freshman with their rendition of "Grease" at Open Mic last Friday in the Chapel.

"The main reason for breaking down into orientation groups was so we could informally get to know a small group of our peers and discuss any concerns we had about the college," remarked Heather Johnson '03.

The first full day on campus consisted of various placement exams, and by the day's end the exhausted freshmen were content to sit in the air-conditioned seating of the Schambach Center for another orientation seminar.

The subject that night was the "Katie Kostner Story," presented by Kostner herself, a nationally known expert on campus sexual assault and rape.

Paula Davis '03 said, "The seminar was an informative yet moving narrative of an experience that is all too often overlooked."

As the week moved on, students attended seminars on alcohol and community conduct, and as a concluding event to a demanding week, many participated in the Open Mic. The show was an opportunity for students to sing, tell a joke or just get up on stage in front of their peers.

"I could not stop laughing at the Resident Advisors who tried impersonating Ricky Martin and his band," remarked Alison Cherry.

Then the big day arrived, and it was time to register for classes. The summer was over and it was time to buckle down, according to Gil Schipani '03.

The freshmen were done with their orientation, officially integrated into the college community and ready for the return of the upperclassmen.

While adjusting to the change of pace Amanda Chase said, "You could tell that you're in college now because the parties in high school ended at 10 p.m. and here they begin at 10 p.m."

For Letizia Alto '03, convocation, the event that officially opened the academic year on the Hill, "was like a high school graduation for me as I witnessed the Acting President Thomas Schwarz and various faculty parade down the isles of the auditorium in their scholarly robes."

President Schwarz advised the members of the Class of 2003 to keep their minds open and "not to form conspiracy theories before investigating the facts of a subject."

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Ben Mann '00 woos the ladies with his smooth moves.

Nancy Thompson, acting dean of students, directed the newest edition of the Hamilton community to "earn" their time at the college and to "take advantage of the vast opportunities a great liberal arts college like Hamilton offers."

"Whether it was the barbecue picnics or the various social events that occurred on campus, I feel totally adjusted here at Hamilton," said Peter Ostberg '03.

Race survey presented in D.C.

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CNN and National Public Radio. In addition, the survey was featured in over 50 national newspapers, including *The New York Times* and *USA TODAY*.

According to Klinkner, director of the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center, his students developed the survey in an effort to "get an honest opinion of young Americans' racial attitudes."

Klinkner went on to say that the students employed various methodologies to ensure that the young adults they polled would respond honestly.

"As a class, we had no idea what the impact of the survey would be," said Brad Rosenbaum '00. "We didn't even really know about all the press attention, but it was definitely a great experience and I am glad that the topic received recognition."

The students contacted Zogby International, a Utica-based polling firm, to do the actual phone calling after the survey was developed. Zogby polled 1,001 randomly selected young adults from varying racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds across the country.

Notably, the NAACP co-sponsored the release of the survey's findings. Hilary Shelton, director of the NAACP's Washington Bureau, attended the press conference.

The Charles A. Frueauff Foundation and the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center funded the poll.

Among the findings of the survey are the following:

—50% of white respondents agreed that "it's OK if the races are basically separate, as long as everyone has equal opportunities," and 40% of black respondents agreed with this statement.

—56% of those polled said that the federal government should make sure that blacks receive fair treatment in terms of employment.

—57% of respondents agreed with the statement: "Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class."

—54% of respondents thought that it was "unlikely" that the U.S. would elect a black president in the near future.

—52% thought that race relations are getting worse or are not changing.

According to NAACP officials and the survey's developers, the findings indicate that young people are, for the most part, optimistic about the future of race relations in the United States. The NAACP, however, is quick to point out that racial harmony is a very distant possibility, as some of those polled clearly do not see integration of the races as a priority.

A common criticism of polls, even of those believed to be very accurate, is that they can tell correlation, but not the intensity of the beliefs polled.

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Reviews say selectivity a problem for Hamilton

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a college counts for 15 percent of the final overall score that determines its ranking in the report. Hamilton's selectivity rank improved slightly, from 34 to 32, in 1999.

US News & World Report uses four sets of data in order to determine a school's selectivity rating. The first set, which accounts for 40 percent of the rating, is the average SAT scores of the entering freshman class, which did not change over this past year.

The second set of data, which counts for 35 percent of the school's rating, is the proportion of freshmen that graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. Hamilton improved in this area from 47% to 53%.

The third set of data looked at is the acceptance rate, or the ratio of students admitted to applicants, which counts for 15 percent of the rating. Hamilton improved from an acceptance rate of 42% to a rate of 40%.

The last set of data utilized is the yield, or the ratio of students who actually enroll at the school to those who are admitted. The yield counts for 10 percent of a school's rating, and data for Hamilton's yield over the past two years was not made available in the report.

This data indicates that Hamilton's applicant pool became slightly larger over the past year, resulting in a smaller percentage of the pool being admitted. In addition, the college made an active effort to admit students with higher high school academic standings, which resulted in an improvement in that area.

However, the *Report's* rankings still indicate that Hamilton's selectivity does not compare favorably with other schools that received similar overall rankings.

Hamilton's selectivity rank was 32, which is worse than any school with an overall ranking as good as or better than ours, other than Mount Holyoke College. Mount Holyoke was ranked 16th overall but was given a rank of 43 for selectivity. Mount Holyoke was also the only college ranked higher than Hamilton with worse average SAT scores for its entering freshmen.

Selectivity is something that is holding the college back from improving significantly in the rankings on its own accord, rather than through the shortcomings of other comparable schools.

The Princeton Review guide, "The Best 331 Colleges," provides a more detailed explanation of Hamilton's selectivity problem than was available in the *Report*.

The Review's profile of Hamilton reports in the Inside Word; "Gaining admission to Hamilton is difficult, and would be more so if the college didn't lose many of its shared applicants to competitor schools. The college's position as a popular safety for the top tier of elite colleges has always benefited the quality of its applicant pool, but it translates into a tough fight when it comes to getting admits to enroll. Although selectivity has risen significantly of late, Hamilton remains in the position of losing many of its best candidates to other, more prestigious schools."

Schools listed by the Review that Hamilton applicants also look at and often prefer were Dartmouth, Bowdoin, Cornell, Middlebury and Williams. Schools that Hamilton applicants sometimes prefer were listed as Trinity, Colby, Bucknell, Colgate and Bates.

Both the Princeton Review, which bases its college reviews on surveys administered to students on campus, and *US News & World Report*, which bases its rankings on statistical data gathered from various colleges, identified applicant selectivity as a continuing trouble area for Hamilton College.

A constant stream of changes have been made to the campus in an attempt "to move this school into the left column," as mentioned by Acting President Thomas Schwarz in his recent speech at convocation.

However, the traditional reputation of colleges in close competition with Hamilton, according to these sources, continues to hinder Hamilton's attempts to convince better students to enroll.

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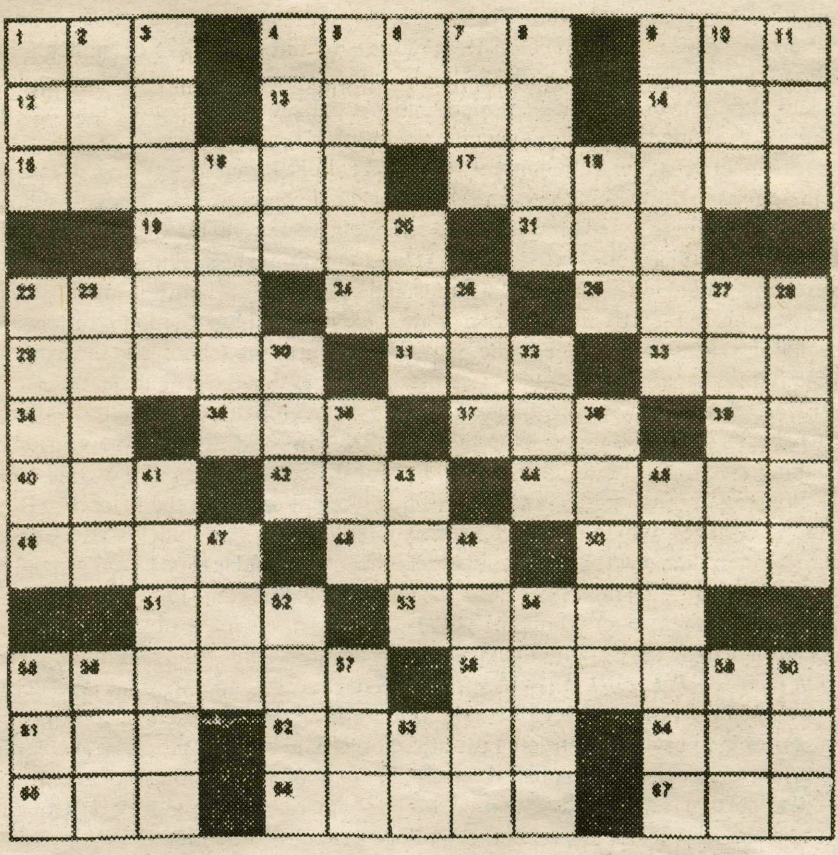

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29 Nymph
31 Children's game
33 Navy rank (abbr.)
34 Near
35 Animal
37 Chart
39 Inanimate object
40 Degree
42 Rest
44 Dish
46 Toy
48 Fuel
50 High cards
51 No (Scottish.)
53 Rushlike plant (Scotland)
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66 Resin (Scot.)
67 Edu. group (Abbr.)

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2 Over (poetic)
3 Oil
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5 Best; elite
6 Toward; to (pref.)
7 Free
8 Jacket
9 Authorize
10 Mesh
11 Prepare golf ball
16 Wide
18 Gripe
20 Craft
22 Sudsy
23 Comb. form meaning straight or correct
25 Male goat
27 Join
28 __ Park, CO
30 Put on, as clothes
32 Crack
36 Joke
38 Clothes worn by Scottish highlanders
41 Monarch, ruler
43 Ballet step
45 Performance
47 Paddle
49 Sudden flood
52 Always
54 Deteriorate
55 Pig pen
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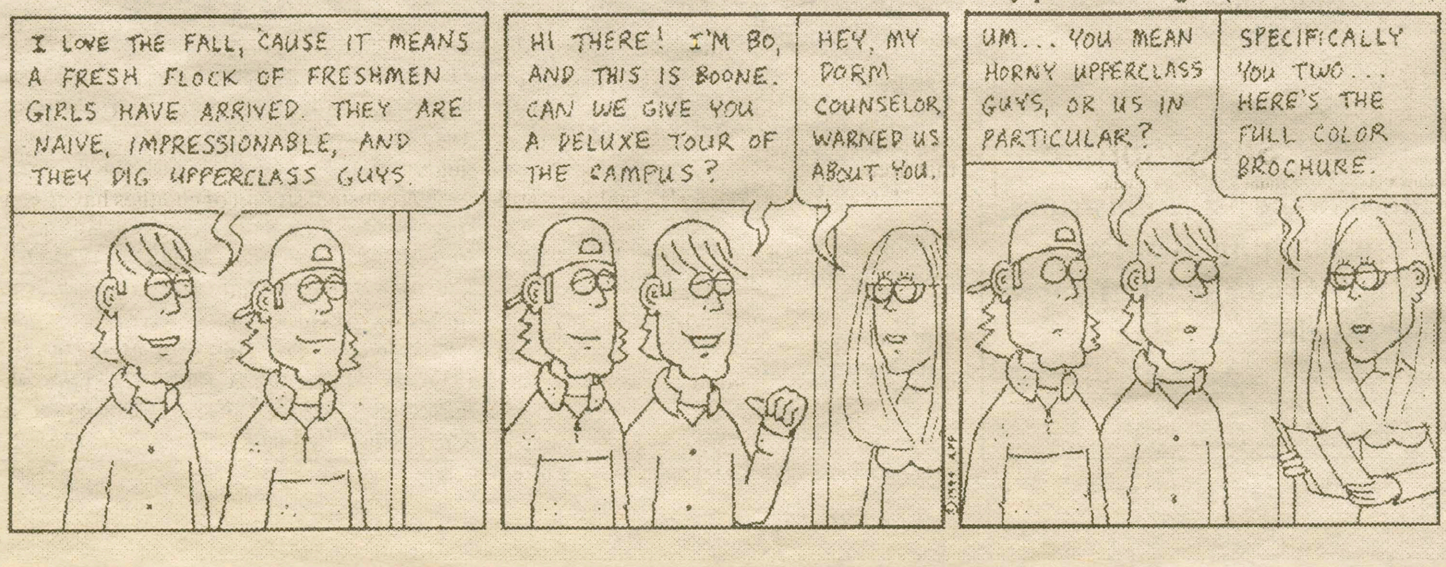

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Editorial

This week's News section features an article on Hamilton College's standing in both the Princeton Review's book "The Best 331 Colleges," and *US News & World Report's* annual college rankings. While *US News & World Report* describes colleges in a purely numerical fashion, the Princeton Review utilizes direct surveys of students on each college campus and reports its findings in a written format. We feel very strongly, based on our experiences as college students, that a college cannot be adequately, or even usefully, evaluated using a mathematical formula.

Prospective students are unlikely to pick a college based on a system of ranking that is analogous to the ranking system for professional sports teams. Students who are apt to choose a college based primarily on a simplistic numerical ranking are not the type of students that a liberal arts college such as Hamilton should be seeking to attract. The type of students who will tend to be most happy and successful at Hamilton are those who will take the time to identify the factors that are most important to them in a college, such as the majors that are offered there, the size and location of the school, and the extracurricular activities that are offered. From the list of colleges that these qualifications, or others similar to them, allows a prospective student to develop, he or she will ideally narrow down the list of schools through the valuable process of visiting the schools on the list and speaking face to face with various members of the communities of those schools.

Students following this practice will be more apt to utilize the Princeton Review's guide to colleges, which bases its information on surveys of students who attend each school, rather than on the strictly statistical information that is used by *US News & World Report* to arrive at its rankings. Students who follow this subjective practice to identify their ideal academic environment will be better suited for a broad-based Hamilton education than those who blindly adhere to the arbitrary, objective rankings contained in *US News & World Report*. This being the case, one must wonder why it is that such a great deal of attention is paid each year by Hamilton's administration to the *US News & World Report* rankings, while relatively little attention is paid to the description of Hamilton by the Princeton Review that is based on surveys of actual Hamilton students.

We feel that Hamilton's reputation, by all standards, would improve at a much faster rate if those who decide the fate of the college paid more attention to rankings based on the subjective opinions of Hamilton students and less attention to objective rankings of the college that are determined through a mathematical formula. The most important factor in the decision of most students to attend one college rather than another will be a personal subjective opinion that they hold, based mainly on similar opinions held by others, rather than an objective ranking of the colleges that could be determined more easily by a machine than by a person.

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President clarifies his statements about Spectator

To the Editor:

Last Sunday at Convocation, I mentioned that "The *Spectator* published the conclusion that the Board of Trustees had inserted me in order to enforce some draconian alcohol policy" but that no one had called me to verify this rumor. My point was not to pick on the *Spectator*, but to point out the lack of communication on the subject by those who held this theory. The *Spectator* merely published the letter, but the conspiracy theory existed because of a lack of information.

Let's hope that this year the conspiracy theorists will have nothing to do because we will all communicate with each other.

Thomas J. Schwarz
Acting President

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Valedictorian offers farewell advice to Hamilton

By Antonis Ellinas
Valedictorian '99

The following is the text of the Valedictory speech delivered at the Commencement of the Class of 1999 this spring. The Valedictorian, Antonis Ellinas, offered an interesting perspective to conclude his four years at Hamilton College. We have reprinted it here for the benefit of those members of the Hamilton community who were unable to attend commencement.

Mr.President, President and members of the Board of Trustees, Distinguished guests, Faculty, Family and Friends, Class of 1999;

Time goes really fast and it's hard to believe that we are already graduating. I can still remember how confused I was when I first came to the United States in August 1995. I recall my eldest brother, Marios, coming to pick me up at JFK airport after a tiring and exhausting twelve-hour flight from Cyprus. We put the luggage into the car and drove for about thirty minutes before I asked Marios how far we would have to drive to get to Hamilton. Coming from a small island in the Mediterranean, I am not used to long trips- you can then imagine my surprise when Marios told me that we were still in JFK airport- JFK was actually bigger than my home city, Larnaca.

What you cannot imagine, though, is my surprise when I found out a few minutes later, that Hamilton College is not in New York City, as I thought when I first applied here, but four hours in the middle of nowhere. It was then that I also realized that NY does not stand for New York City as those "I love New York" T-shirts suggest, but for an area twenty times the size of Cyprus.

Despite this initial shock, my arrival on the Hill filled me with excitement and enthusiasm. For true lovers of nature, upstate New York is a great place to be. The inconceivable beauty of forests, the melodious singing of the birds, the frightful stare of the deer...this escape from the often-unbearable reality that accompanies life in metropolitan areas makes Upstate New York incredibly charming. I used to take walks in Root Glen, play soccer in Minor Field, and barbecue in the Quad. I thought I was I in heaven for a while.

Then, in mid-October it started snowing...I liked this climatic novelty the first couple of days, perhaps even the first couple of weeks but by Spring I really hated it. I remember leaving for Cyprus on May 5th ,1996, in a snowstorm, while wondering what I was thinking when I decided to come here.

Well, notwithstanding its isolation and climate, Hamilton remains one of the most distinguished liberal arts colleges in the nation and perhaps in the world. As we move towards the close of the century there is enough evidence to suggest that Hamilton will continue to be among the top educational institutions in America.

The question is at what cost? Like almost everything else in life, the attempt to enhance the academic standing of the school has its price. Of course, the cost of the academic progress will always be exaggerated in this Hamiltonian "culture of complaint." Indeed, although we are some of the most privileged students in the world, we always complain that "there is nothing to do" or that "there is nothing to eat." A good thing there is plenty to drink, isn't it?

Exaggerated or not, I think that to some extent student concern is real. Perhaps the inability to decide individually about where to live and what to eat might be too big a price to pay for a liberal arts education. Can the school justly monopolize decisions that usually characterize the transition from adolescence to adulthood?

Fair or unfair, real or unreal, the concern that exists among students has spilled over to almost every domain of school life. Even this recent effort of the school to change the curriculum is looked upon with hesitation. Students and faculty alike seem unconvinced or even confused about the academic necessity of the reform.

Antonis Ellinas, Valedictorian of the Class of 1999

Of course confusion, concern, and dissent are signs of a healthy intellectual community, a community that strives for improvement and excellence. This continuous effort for intellectual progress makes it certain that Hamilton will continue to be one of the top liberal arts colleges in America. Having some of the best educators in the nation, the school will remain an attractive destination for highly motivated and talented students.

I just hope that the effort to improve the school addresses student concerns more effectively by engaging students in constructive dialogue about the future of Hamilton. As we move into the next century, it might be time to rebuild the communication bridges between the administration and students.

When I return to the Hill in the years to come I am sure that I will find the same intellectual rigor in classrooms and that I will see the same motivation for intellectual growth that has always existed. As I walk around the campus, I am sure to find my professors chatting on the pathways with their new students, debating current affairs or philosophizing about the beauty and misery of life. I am sure that they will still have some time for coffee in Café Opus, perhaps for dinner at the Acropolis, or even for a drink at the Rok. Perhaps we can take walks in Root Glen and talk about politics and life, about political hypocrisy and social justice.

I am sure that at some point I will give in to the temptation to visit my old room and reflect on times past. As I open the door I will be looking for my friends, hoping for a cold beer and a nice conversation. They won't be around. Then I will realize what Hamilton really meant to me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family for their continuous support and for all the sacrifices they have been making to the altar of education. I would also like to express my gratitude and appreciation to my professors, particularly to Alan Cafruny and Cheng Li, who have nourished my intellectual and academic growth more than anyone else has. I would also like to thank the Sherwood and the Tongalson families for offering me the warmth of their homes.

Finally, I would like to extend my warmest and deepest thanks to all my friends and to my fellow members of Sigma Phi society for making me feel at home with their continuous love and support. I will really miss all of you.

Alcohol Problems should be dealt with directly, rather than with academics

By Zack Kouwe
I&I Writer '00

One of the publicly stated motives behind the alleged enhancement of Hamilton's academic curriculum was the continuation of the administration's crackdown on binge drinking. By making the curriculum more rigorous, the administration argued, students would have less time to consume alcohol because they would be busy attempting to complete their recently aggrandized work.

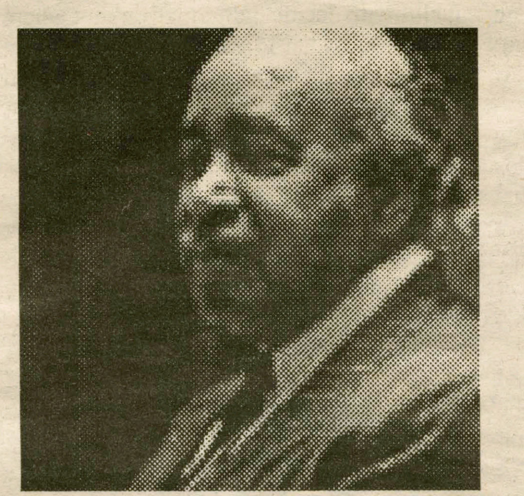
Ignoring the notion that the increased rigor may drive more students to drink as a result of the increased stress, one must ask the question: Is this policy really the right way for a reputable school to deal with the problem of under-age drinking and alcohol abuse? Has the administration really sat down and given ample thought on how to solve the problem, or is this policy merely a quick reactive measure that administrators can use to assuage would-be complainers of Hamilton's "party school" reputation. In short, is changing the academic curriculum, the backbone of Hamilton's claim to liberal arts' principles, the smart way to engender responsible drinking?

Consider an innovative program to curb binge drinking piloted by the University of Washington. Administrators of this program take a collaborative approach with problem drinkers instead of a confrontational one. The aim of the program is to make students more aware of their drinking and the motives behind it. The process begins with a thorough individual survey of the students' drinking behavior: how much they drink, how often, where, their family's drinking history, and any thoughts they might have about changing. The students then meet with a trained councilor to go over the results, and talk about the negatives as well as the positives of drinking. If the student still chooses to drink, the councilor discusses how to minimize the negatives and maximize the positives.

While this program may not completely eradicate binge drinking and its negative consequences, it nevertheless displays the immense care and ingenuity that went into the design of this program. It also demonstrates the administration's willingness to work with the students instead of against them.

Unless Hamilton's administration stops ignoring the individual student and takes the path of University of Washington administrators who show they genuinely care about exploring ways to deal with alcohol abuse from the students' perspectives, their curriculum change may prove to be the most pernicious of all their recent decisions and the student body will lose more of its already decreasing veneration for their administration.

Harry "Sweets" Edison 1915-1999



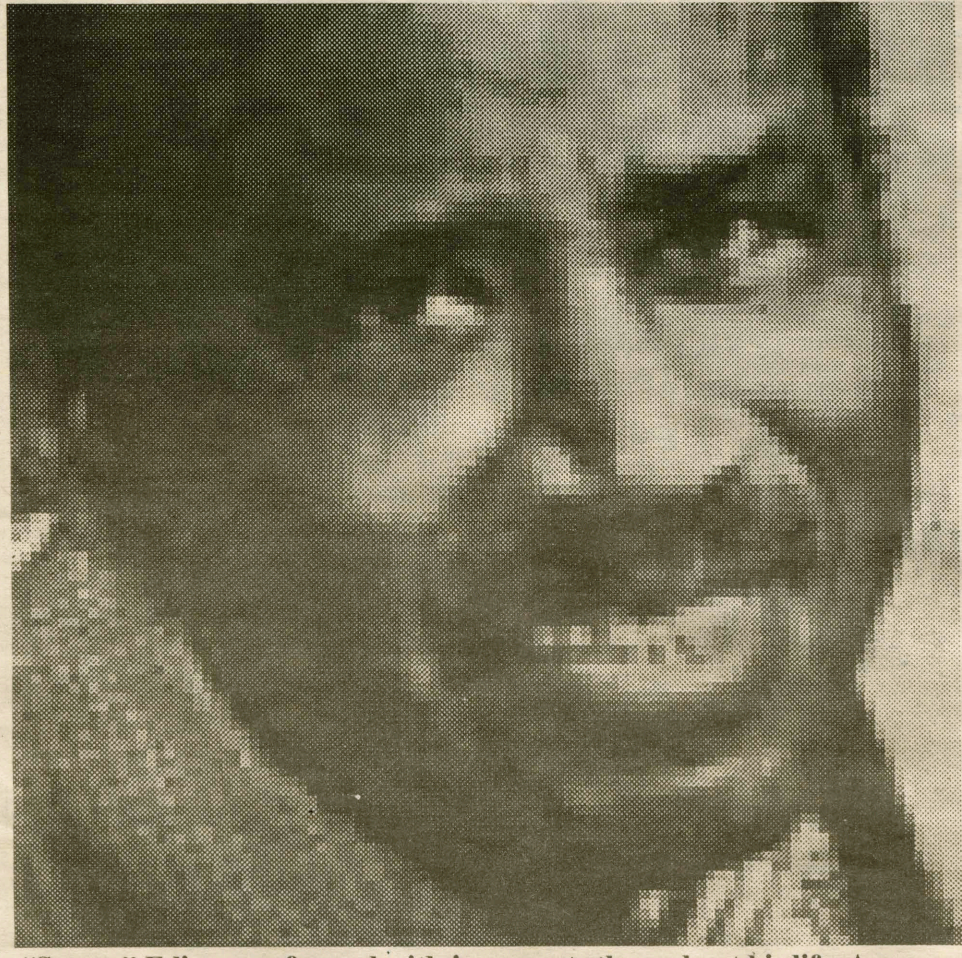
Harry "Sweets" Edison, jazz trumpeter and recipient of an honorary doctorate degree from Hamilton, passed away on July 27, 1999 at the age of 83. Mr. Edison enjoyed a long and successful career in jazz, expressing himself with a light, swinging tone that was immediately recognizable.

Harry Edison was born on October 10, 1915 and grew up in Ohio and Kentucky. He was introduced to the trumpet by an uncle at the age of ten and started performing in local bands while still in his teens. In the mid 1930's he paid his musical dues with the Jeter-Pillars Band and the Lucky Millinder Orchestra. From 1937-50, Mr. Edison was a prominent member of the Count Basie Orchestra, playing alongside such future jazz legends as Buck Clayton and Lester (Pres) Young, who coined the nickname (Sweets). His spare, concise solos provided a perfect balance to the unrelenting swing provided by "America's Greatest Rhythm Section." This ensemble set the standard for all others and for many jazz lovers, it was and still is the preeminent swing band. In 1950 he began a solo career that lasted close to five decades. He traveled with Jazz at the Philharmonic tours, acted as music director for Josephine Baker, led his own combos and became a sought after studio musician on the west coast. His perfect timing made him a particularly effective soloist behind singers and he is well represented on the classic recordings of Billie Holiday, Nat King Cole and Frank Sinatra. Always in demand for big band work, he could be found in the trumpet sections of bands led by Buddy Rich, Quincy Jones, Louis Bellson and Henry Mancini. Basie fans would delight in his occasional return engagements with the Count's Orchestra, where a chair always waited with his name on it. He recorded frequently throughout his career, often with jazz artists of equal stature, including Lionel Hampton and Oscar Peterson. His last recording, in his eighth decade, was captured live at the Iridium in New York.

In an interview for the Hamilton College Jazz Archive on September 3, 1995, Mr. Edison expressed a humble appreciation for his success in music. *"I've been fortunate. God has blessed me because I've been chosen to do things I guess just because of my sound. And I'm still trying. What little success that I have, and I still have, I'm grateful. God has blessed me, as I said before, and I've tried to carry myself well — as I always say in my era we had a lot of respect for each other. Musicians had so much respect for each other."*
He also enjoyed a tongue-in-cheek acknowledgement of that success. On the eve of receiving his honorary degree at Hamilton in May of 1996, he offered up one of his typically swinging performances. After acknowledging the band members he then caught the audience off guard. Sweets said, *"and of course, the gentleman I'm about to introduce is one of the most loveable, adorable, generous musicians you'll ever have the pleasure of meeting. I daresay, without a doubt, he is the epitome, the echelon, the sine qua non of sartorial splendor. Ladies and gentlemen, the effervescent, the magnificent, his eminence, Harry "Sweets" Edison!"*

Mr. Edison is survived by his daughter, Helena, of Columbus, Ohio and by the hundreds of outstanding recordings he produced.

Monk Rowe is the director of the Hamilton College Jazz Archive



"Sweets" Edison performed with jazz greats throughout his life. As a campus we mourn the loss of such a great friend.

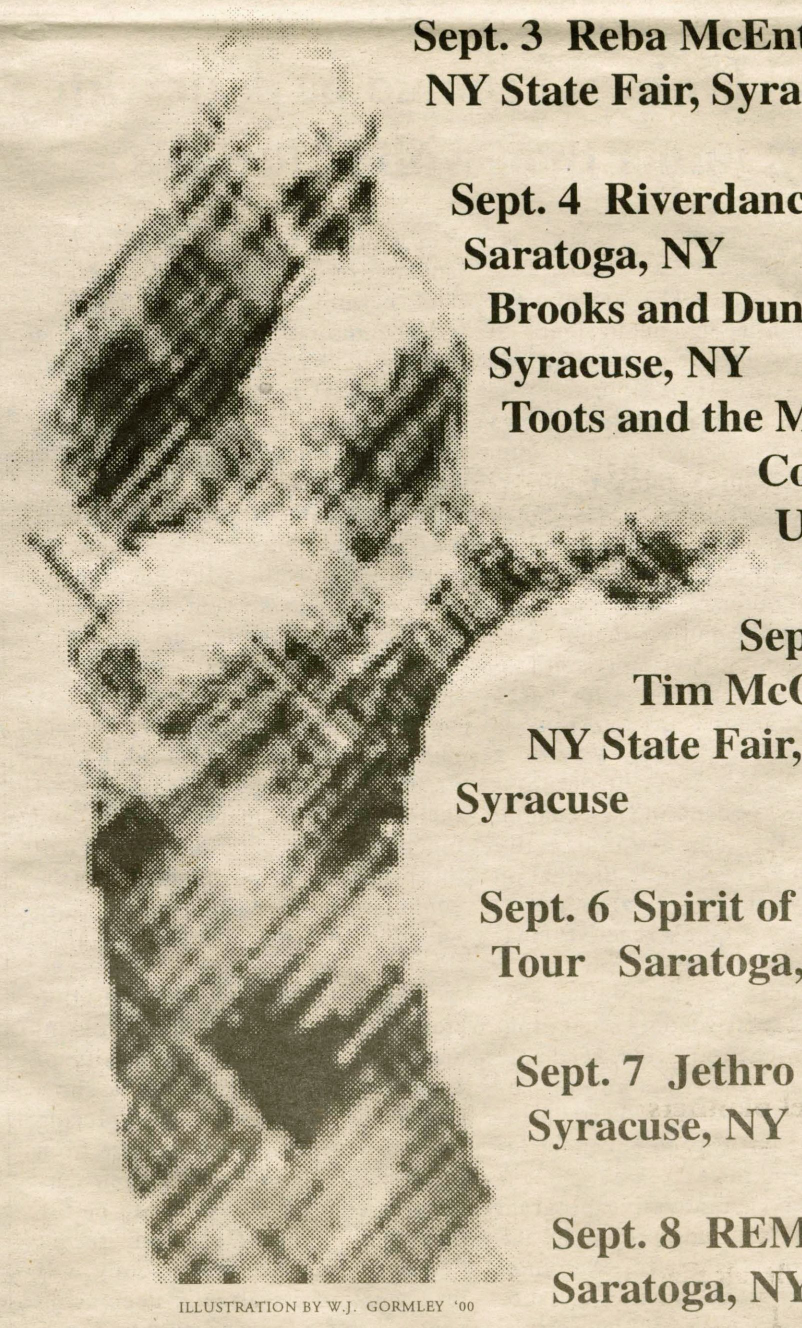
A Spectator Exclusive

Contrary to the current belief that Hamilton College is not located anywhere near the current pop music scene,a transformation that has been underway for some time has been completed. As is evident from the upcoming concert schedule in the area, central New York has become a hotbed of rich music. Syracuse, Rochester, Ithaca, Buffalo, and Albany all are within driving distance, and have in the past few years developed into very accessible venues for big name acts.

Who is to forget that Woodstock was up here this summer, as well as the overnight Phish concert weekend. It seems to have gone unnoticed, but the local music scene is more alive now than ever. This is not to mention the tremendous underground music scene that has permeated central New York and even has a hold in local sites such as New Hartford and Utica. If you are interested in seeing/hearing music of any genre, it is now possible to do so without a week-long committment.

So, for your own usage and as an example of the central New York scene, I have compiled a comprehensive list of the popular music that will be offered in our area over the next week. As odd as it may seem that this area can accomodate such music, it is happening and should continue throughout the semester.

So go out, get some culture, and maybe, once the college sees how interested this campus is in music, the proper funds will be allocated to have these musicians (who are already in the area) play some of the venues that exist here on the Hill.



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MLB - AL				
Cleveland at Baltimore 9/5	Indians	Indians	Orioles	Indians
Toronto at Kansas City 9/5	Blue Jays	Blue Jays	Royals	Royals
Detroit at Oakland 9/5	Athletics	Tigers	Athletics	Athletics
Boston at Seattle 9/5	Red Sox	Red Sox	Red Sox	Mariners
NY Yankees at Anaheim 9/5	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees
Chicago White Sox at Texas 9/5	Rangers	Rangers	White Sox	Rangers
MLB - NL				
Arizona at Atlanta 9/5	Diamondbacks	Braves	Braves	Braves
Cincinatti at Philadelphia 9/5	Reds	Phillies	Reds	Reds
Houston at Montreal 9/5	Astros	Astros	Expos	Expos
San Francisco at Pittsburgh 9/5	Giants	Pirates	Pirates	Giants
Colorado at NY Mets 9/5	Mets	Mets	Mets	Mets
Los Angeles at Chicago Cubs 9/5	Cubs	Dodgers	Cubs	Dodgers

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Cooney, Thomas lead powerful defensive line

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surprise a lot of people."

The tight end position also will be heavily contested during the pre-season. Senior John Reagan will start, but behind him are four or five players who are anxious to see the field. Juniors Jeff Barnett, Joe Mondella, and John Shari each have certain skills that Davis will have to examine closely to determine who will be the greatest asset to the offense.

One football certainty reads: a team's offense is only as good as its offensive line. It is true at both the college and pro levels and therefore holds true for the Continentals.

The core of the offensive line returns: senior Dave Carlinhos and junior Ted Stewart. Those two anchor a line that must provide Peters with the protection he needs to be an effective passer.

"We lost two guys on the offensive line this year so there are two open spots for whoever works the hardest," added Peters. "I have a lot of confidence in the offensive line-it's the least of my worries."

The line also must create holes for McCarthy to run through. He was incredible last season, but he could have been even better, which must terrify opposing defenses. The offensive line remains an area with talented players who are for the most part untested in big games. Senior Sam Paquin returns with the most experience, while sophomores Ed Witchey, Dudley Purbeck, and Rob Neff have a chance to see significant time this season.

While Davis handles the offense, Frank oversees the defense and will have to turn around a unit that gave up over 40 points in four of its eight games last season.

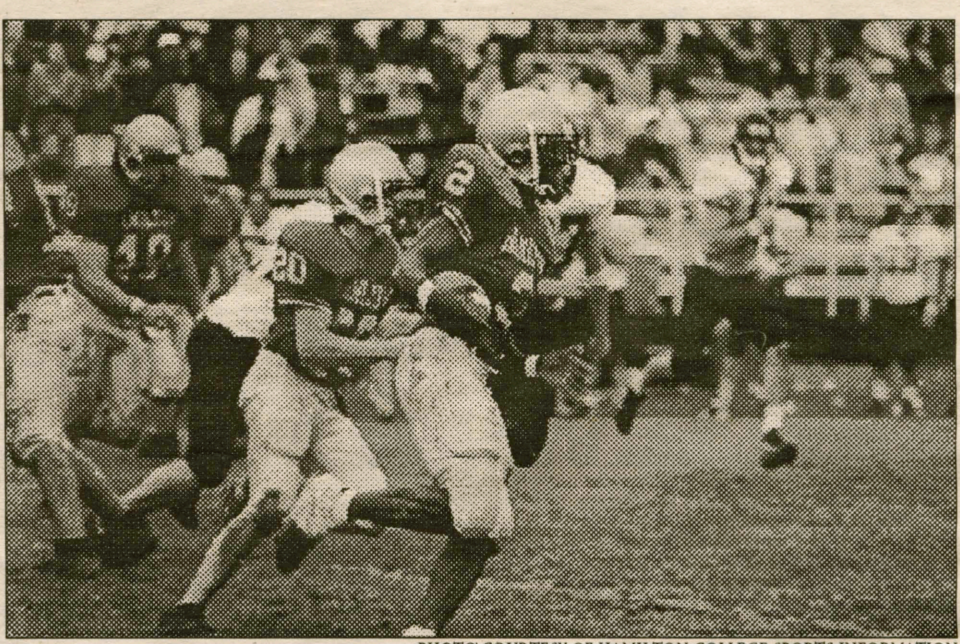
There is no question that the defense has tremendous toughness, but there remains a lack of size and speed on the defensive line. Seniors Dan Cooney, Dan Maunz, and junior Ron Thomas anchor a line which must apply pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

Thomas returned this year much lighter and faster than he was in his first two years. Without Jim Davis, who led the team in tackles last year, Thomas will have to improve upon his 43 tackles and team leading four sacks of a year ago.

The strength of the defense, as it has often been in recent years, remains the linebackers. Senior Jared Frank returns after a year off to join an already powerful tandem of sophomore linebackers: Harry Hristoforoltos and Ryan Nolan.

Nolan was second on the team in tackles in 1998 registering 58, including 28 solo tackles.

Another sophomore, Mike Powers, who played safety last season and recorded 56 tackles, will move to linebacker. Seniors Scott DeBruin and Mario Henderson also provide ample support at linebacker, a position that the coaching staff believes is very solid.



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Sophomore Charles Martin was moved to the wide receiver position this year in hopes that he can fill one of the holes left by the departed seniors.

The secondary received a lot of criticism last year for the team's defensive woes. The main reason they struggled was that the coaching staff started all freshmen at the cornerback and safety positions for most of the season.

This year, things should change. Sophomore cornerbacks Thatcher Freeborn and Dave Spezzano gained a lot of valuable experience last season and are eager to improve the play of the secondary.

Junior Mike Feuerstein, one of the fastest men on the Continentals, is moving from wide-receiver to cornerback. He should add depth to the secondary, while junior cornerbacks Marc Petravelli and Ted Valenti also contribute. There are also some impressive freshmen in the secondary who may play early on this season.

Hamilton's only victory in 1998, a 24-17 victory over Bates, occurred in the Continentals' season finale. The most disappointing part of last season was the inability of the two units (Davis' offense and Frank's defense) to both perform well on the same afternoon.

There were two games where the offense scored 30 or more points (Tufts and Bowdoin) and the team still lost. Conversely, there was the October 19th contest against Trinity where the defense kept the Continentals in the game, but the offense could only muster 14 points.

Many of the veteran players on the team believe the club will finish the season with a record of at least 4-4, but some believe the team will win five or six games. Considering the team only won three games in the last two years, four wins in 1999 would be a tremendous accomplishment. The most winnable games are Bates and Colby, while the toughest games appear to be against Williams and Wesleyan.

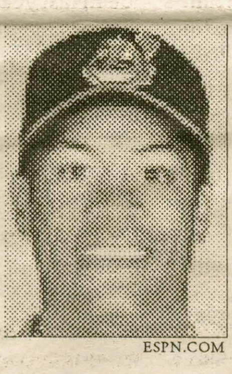
"The beginning of our schedule is very tough," admitted Frank. "Tufts was 7-1 last season and there are so many good teams in our division. Our goal at this point is to make sure we win the opener."

NFL	**Peter Ringel** *Spectator Sports Editor*	**David Zane** *Spectator Sports Editor*	**Beverly Low** *Spectator Advisor*
AFC East	Dolphins	Jets	Dolphins
AFC Central	Jaguars	Jaguars	Browns
AFC West	Broncos	Seahawks	Broncos
NFC East	Cowboys	Giants	Eagles
NFC Central	Packers	Vikings	Vikings
NFC West	49ers	Falcons	Panthers
AFC Wildcard	Bills, Jets, Titans	Bills, Dolphins, Broncos	Bills, Patriots, Steelers
NFC Wildcard	Falcons, Giants, Vikings	Cowboys, Packers, 49ers	Cardinals, Packers, 49ers
AFC Champion	Dolphins	Jaguars	Dolphins
NFC Champion	49ers	Vikings	Vikings
Super Bowl Champion	Dolphins	Vikings	Vikings

America's Anti-Trust Team

I may be stepping into enemy territory when I say this, in fact I know I am, but I'm tired of the New York Yankees.

Following the example of the now terrible Florida Marlins, George Steinbrenner has consistently used his city's size and financial clout to bring in players who otherwise may not have gone to the Big Apple. The Yankees farm system, with the exceptions of Mariano Rivera and Andy Pettitte, two struggling pitchers, has yielded no players of worth in the last decade.



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Roberto Alomar.

When Steinbrenner wants success, he checks his wallet first then signs players to huge contracts, sometimes it seems to spite the smaller market teams. Roger Clemens, Tino Martinez, Paul O'Neill, Chad Curtis, Bernie Williams, Chuck Knoblauch and David Cone are all examples of the big name-big money tactics the Yankees employ. These methods defy the oldest principles of baseball and also those of America.

Microsoft, AT&T and Standard Oil all faced anti trust violations for monopolizing the competition in their respective fields. Why shouldn't there be similar laws in professional sports?

By operating similarly to these companies, the Yankees have effectively shut down competition, and in so doing have killed a lot of national interest. Teams in smaller markets such as the Cleveland Indians, the Milwaukee Brewers and the Pittsburgh Pirates have considerable difficulties bringing in big name, high quality players. These teams, and others like them, must rely on their farm systems, and then lose their better players to free agency.

Major League Baseball needs a level playing field. Each team needs to be confident in its chances of signing better players. Salary caps, restricted free agency and money allocation are all different options that could effectively achieve this end.

More interest and loyalty are inspired in the fans of Cleveland than in many other towns because their big name players, Jim Thome, Manny Ramirez, Charles Nagy, Sandy Alomar, Kenny Lofton, Bartolo Colon, Jaret Wright and Richie Sexson were all raised in the Indains' stellar farm system.

The Indians, however, have not been immune to the pain of the larger markets. Losing Albert Belle to Chicago because they couldn't afford the salary he demanded, and trading Kenny Lofton to Atlanta for fear that he would bolt after his contract was up has hurt the Tribe in the past.

The Indians are forced to rely upon their reputation as a team dedicated to its fans and the loyalty of

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its players. General Manager John Hart and owner Dick Jacobs have made every effort to build a player friendly atmosphere in a city that may not otherwise attract big name players. Kenny Lofton came back to Cleveland as a result. David Justice resigned with the Indians and Roberto Alomar was jealous of his brother Sandy's happiness.

The direction baseball should be heading is away from the Yankee big business style and towards the Indians' family system. Is it any wonder that Cleveland's record for most consecutive home sellouts has passed the 300 game mark, eclipsing the old record by over 200 games?

Baseball needs to reconnect with its roots and promote farm systems and stability. Who is a better fit to begin heading towards the Indians admirable methods than baseball's most storied team, the New York Yankees?

It's just too bad that George Steinbrenner is in charge. What does he care about the fans, after all baseball is about making money and shutting down the competition at all costs isn't it?

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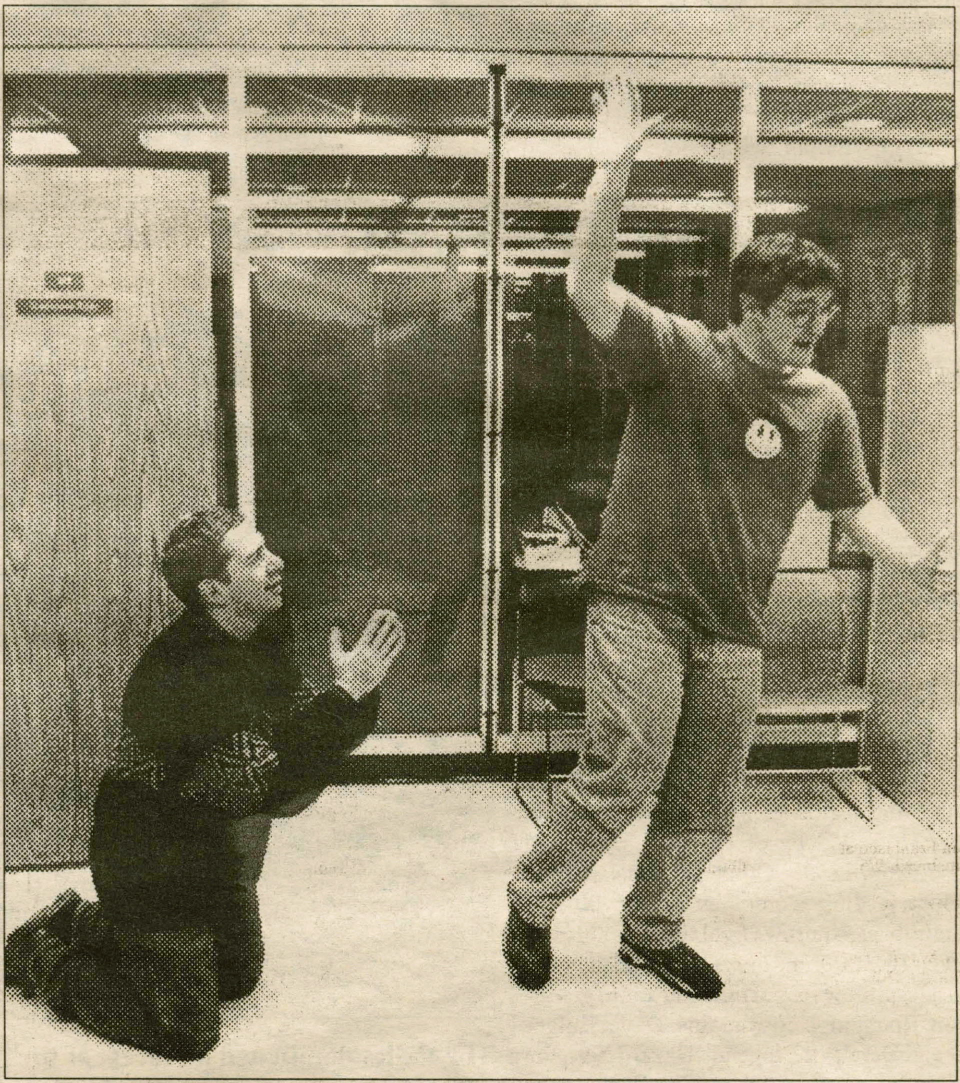

Elliot Nix '99 (right) departed the Spectator in 1998, despite current sports editor Peter Ringel's objections.

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Great Expectations for Hamilton's 1999 football season

Peters, McCarthy, and Martin anchor Continental offense

by Peter Ringel '01
SPORTS EDITOR

After two lackluster seasons, the Continentals appear ready to turn the corner and be relatively competitive in the NESCAC this season.

The last two seasons have been disappointing for Head Coach Steve Frank, his staff, his players, and the team's fans. "This is a new team with a different attitude," said Frank. "We were disappointed in what we did last year, but when you start so many freshmen, including three in the secondary, you realize that there is not enough experience out there."

After winning two games in 1997 and only one last season, the Continentals return the core of their offense (senior quarterback Robbie Peters and sophomore running back Chris McCarthy), but suffer significant losses on the defensive side of the ball. The defense will be hurt by the losses of many players, most notably last year's co-captain, defensive lineman Jim Davis.

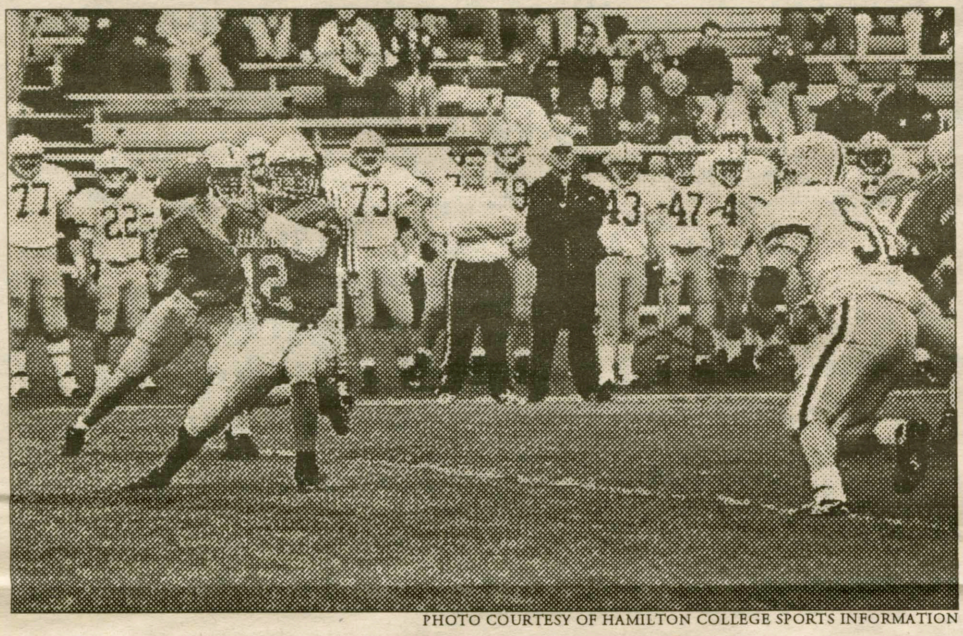


PHOTO COURTESY OF HAMILTON COLLEGE SPORTS INFORMATION
Senior quarterback Robbie Peters has a plethera of receivers to throw to, but very few of them have been tested in big game situations.

Peters begins his third season as the Continentals' starting quarterback. He has gradually improved every season and is trying to return the team to the good fortune it enjoyed between 1994-1996, when the Continentals finished 5-3 three straight seasons.

"I am extremely optimistic about this year's team," remarked an excited Peters. "We have a lot of returning players who understand the offense and a lot of young players that complement it."

Peters had a wonderful season in 1998 throwing for nearly 1,800 yards and nine touchdowns, which was dramatically better than his sophomore season, where he passed for 1,039 yards and only six touchdowns.

His main concern is staying healthy. "I worked very hard in the off-season so I can put our club in a better position to win games," said Peters.

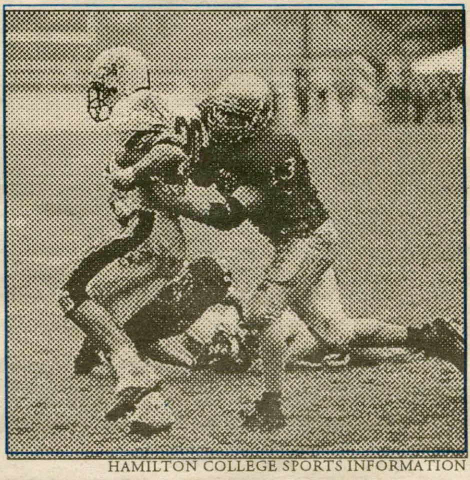
He appears to have two problems heading into the 1999 season: first, he lost his two best receivers in Kelby Valenti and Shawn Lyons and goes into the season with a lot of good receivers, yet most of them are untested in big games. Can any of them rise to the next level?

Sophomore Charles Martin and senior Jordan Alaimo appear to be the most likely candidates to fill the void left by Valenti and Lyons. Martin played his freshman year at running back, but was a huge threat in the open field where he managed 33 receptions for 327 yards and an impressive five touchdown catches.

Sophomore Jay Morrell showed the ability to make big catches in important spots last year and forced defenses to watch him closely, but he has been plagued by injuries during the pre-season.

Senior Ryan Larrance, junior Frank Vinci, and sophomore Tim Berbenich will try to prove to offensive coordinator Mike Davis that they deserve to see increased playing time at the wide-receiver position.

In 1999, the running game will continue to perform well. Bolstered by McCarthy, last year's NESCAC Rookie of the Year, the Continentals' running attack was deadly. "I think I can improve a lot this year," said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Sophomore Mike Powers will be a key part of this year's defense.

McCarthy. "My first two games last year weren't great, but I look to get better every year."

It was not just McCarthy, the Sommerville, Massachusetts native who impressed both coaches and fans. Junior running backs Chris Wollard and Cory Malnikof were also impressive, and sophomore Chris Weeden appears ready to spend quite a bit of time on the field in his second season.

Malnikof suffered a foot injury earlier this summer and has not been able to perform at the level the coaching staff hoped he would this year. Senior Jay Palladino has moved to fullback to strengthen the Continentals' backfield.

"Our offense is more experienced this season," added McCarthy. "We have improved a lot of things and believe we will

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Men's Rugby looks to dominate in Division II play

By Matt Glassman '00
SPORTS WRITER

After winning the New York State Championship for two consecutive years (fall '97 and fall '98) at the Division 3 level, the Hamilton Exiles are taking their game up a notch this fall, joining the Division 2 tier of the Upstate Rugby League. As one of the smallest schools in the second tier, many challenges await the team. Confidence, however, is at an all-time high. "We proved we can dominate the lower level, and are confident we can compete in Division 2", said co-captain Benny Mann '00.

One reason for the brimming confidence is that the team has six returning starters from 1998, led by co-captains Mann and Ethan Horvitz '00. Other returning starters include leading scorer Ben Myers '00, all-star fullback Andrew Orzel '00, flanker Helmet Haffner '00, and lock Craig Breismeister '00. Despite the loss of nine starters to graduation (including co-captains Dave Bolger '99 and Derek "the legend" Hazard '99), the Exiles are confident they can fill the gaps with talented veterans who have waited their turn to compete. The pack will be anchored by Matt Earle '00 and Drew Viscomi '01, flanker L.D. Platt '01, Adam Gold '01, and Mike Herren '00. The backs look to replace the talented "four horsemen" with veterans Pete Mugglesworth '01, Matt Glassman '00, Brad Rosenbaum '00, Charlie Lower '00, Ray Ash '02, and Paul Ryan '02, all men with significant A-side experience from previous campaigns.

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The Exiles dominated all facets of the game last year, including the scrum.

Platt stated, "We have many talented returning vets, especially in the backfield. Our backs should be as good and as fast as any team we face. Myers is unbelievable."

At the first practice this past Monday, the HCRFC (Hamilton College Rugby Football Club) was treated to a great turnout from the class of '03. Twenty promising rookies showed up for practice, including several with high school experience, a rarity in Hamilton College rugby history. With so many rookies, the team should be able to field a full B-side for the first time in several years. According to Horvitz, "We have a full B-side which will allow our rookies to get the experience they need to continue our winning ways in the future.

Andrew Orzel added, "I've watched the rookies run lines, and they are up to my standards of excellence."

The team is focused right now on teaching the rookies and preparing the veterans for the first game of the season, September 11th at Clarkson. A scrimmage against Division 3 rival Colgate is also scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th.

"We should start to know where we stand when we play Colgate," said Mann. "I'd like to get a lot of guys into that match and get a feel for where we are in terms of team-play and conditioning."

Myers added, "I'm in the best shape of my life. My time abroad [in Australia, playing for U. of Sydney] allowed me to hone my game skills against world-class competition."